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Letter dated 30 December from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government and with reference to the letter dated 17 September 2005 from the Permanent Representative of Bahrain to the United Nations and the annex to the said letter (A/60/388-S/2005/612), I have the honour to state that the Islamic Republic of Iran categorically rejects the baseless claims contained therein regarding the Iranian islands of Abu-Musa, the Greater Tunb and the Lesser Tunb and reiterates that these islands are integral and eternal parts of the Iranian territory and that the contents of the annex to the said letter regarding these Iranian islands are totally baseless and void of any legal value.

The Islamic Republic of Iran continues to believe that continuation of positive and constructive negotiations between the Iranian Government and the relevant officials of the United Arab Emirates will lead to the expansion of bilateral relations between the two countries in various fields and will help to remove any misunderstanding between the two countries with regard to the implementation of the 1971 Memorandum of Understanding between Iran and Sharja about the Iranian island of Abu-Musa.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) M. Javad **Zarif**

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